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Washington, D.C. 20230

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The Honorable Russell D. Feingold
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feingold:

Thank you for your letter requesting the status of the Buy American report and purchases of foreign goods made by the Department of Commerce. The Department is pleased to submit the report entitled, Report to Congress on Acquisitions Made from Manufacturers Inside and Outside the United States in Fiscal Year 2004. This report is provided in response to Section 645 of Division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-199).

The report contains the Department's expenditures and Buy American waivers granted in FY 2004. The information was obtained from the Federal Procurement Data System and Department procurement offices. A review of the purchases made for foreign products indicates that the purchases were for scientific equipment by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Institute of Standards and Technology that were either covered by a Trade Agreement, were purchased under a full and open competition and no domestic end product was available, or information technology that is a commercial item, thus no waivers were required under the Federal Acquisition Regulations. The Department will make the report publicly available via the Internet and submit by March 31, 2006, a similar report for purchases made during Fiscal Year 2005.

This report has been transmitted to the appropriate Senate and House Appropriation Committee and Subcommittee.

Please contact me at (202) 482-4951 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of the Department of Commerce and its programs.

Sincerely yours,

Otto J. Wolff
Chief Financial Officer and
Assistant Secretary for Administration

Enclosure

**REPORT TO CONGRESS ON ACQUISITIONS MADE FROM
MANUFACTURERS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES
IN FISCAL YEAR 2004***

1. Dollar value of any article, material, or supplies purchased that were manufactured outside of the U.S. in FY 04:

\$353,685

2. Itemized list of all waivers granted with respect to above items under the Buy American Act in FY 04 (include a brief description of the waiver granted and why it was granted):

No waivers were required under existing Federal Acquisition Regulation exceptions.

3. Summary of total procurement funds spent on goods manufactured inside the U.S. versus funds spent on goods manufactured outside the U.S:

- a. Total procurement funds spent on goods manufactured inside the U.S. in FY 04:

\$ 399,244,362

- b. Total procurement funds spent on goods manufactured outside the U.S. in FY 04:

\$ 353,685

*Note: Report includes best available estimates as collected by the Federal Procurement Data System (including the FPDS-NG Buy American Act Report for FY 2004) and validated by DOC procurement offices.